

Pilot Project/One-Stop Subcommittee Work Plan Multi-Agency Permit Teams Work Plan

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Where are we today?

The Subcommittee has been developing tools and recommendations to support coordinated environmental review and permitting. Current Works in progress include:

Evaluation and Review of Pilot Projects. The Hood Canal Bridge and SR-24 Yakima River Bridge Pilot projects will be reviewed to determine lessons learned. Interdisciplinary Team members will be interviewed and permit timelines and performance will be examined.

Interdisciplinary Team Guidance: The guidance provides details on why, when and how to convene and conduct an interagency Interdisciplinary Team as a tool for streamlined transportation project delivery. It provides background, checklists and templates that can be used as tools to support effective IDT processes.

Unified Permit Binder/Integrated Permit System: The Unified Permit Binder (UPB) is a document management that integrates project information, environmental analysis, and permit development into a single reference for the public to find up-to-date project details and regulatory information. This effort is funded by FHWA.

Concurrent Agency Review, Concurrent Public Review and Appeal.

Analysis is being completed on opportunities for concurrent public comment, joint public hearings, joint appeals, and joint agency review of environmental permits. This analysis will determine where legislative changes are necessary opposed to administrative solutions.

Common Permit Application Data Requirements: Analysis is being completed on common data requirements for permit applications.

Identification of Best Available Data Sources: Discover and document the information technology support for permitting across multiple agencies so that TPEAC efforts can coordinate with, integrate into, and potentially enhance those activities. The work consists of 4 tasks: information technology survey, available data survey, data requirements survey, and assessment of project management tools.

Pilot Projects. Subcommittee members will participate in evaluation of the Pilot Projects as identified in EHB 1163. WSDOT will work with WDFW and Ecology when drafting permit terms and conditions.

Staff resources needed to complete this work includes subcommittee members from Ecology, WDFW, CTED, and DNR. (0.5 Total Biennial FTE.)

TPEAC funding will support only part of the team's staffing costs. 3.0 Biennial FTE and \$500,000 are needed from the TPEAC budget.

ESB 5279

Legislative Requirements:

TPEAC Reauthorization Legislation directs the committee to develop a work plan to use one-stop permit process on all projects of statewide significance and the work plan must include a process that enables the department to propose permit terms and conditions for permitting agency review and approval.

EHB 1163

Legislative Requirements:

A budget proviso contained in the Transportation Budget included a requirement to pilot the practice of WSDOT drafting permit terms and conditions on ten projects contained in the nickel fund list.